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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Topics for Discussion at Luncheon with Support Staff on
Monday, 24 November

We asked our Office and Staff Chiefs to suggest topics which they would particularly like to hear you discuss at our luncheon on Monday, and from a wide variety of suggestions we have selected the following as of most general interest. You will note that there are few, if any, dealing purely with our support role. I think it is fair to say that all our staff members are interested in the broad range of Agency activities outside of their immediate components and feel that they would benefit from a general discussion of Agency plans and policies.

a. Budget. All of us have been hearing for some time about possible reductions in both money and personnel. Since the scope of our support effort is largely determined by the requirements laid upon us by the other components, principally the Clandestine Services, anything you could tell us about future trends in over-all Agency activities would be most helpful as a guide to planning our future responsibilities.

b. Congressional Relationships. Perhaps you would care to say a few words about our relations with the Congress, particularly with our subcommittees, the problem of keeping the Congress informed concerning the Agency, the briefing of traveling Congressmen in the field, and your views concerning a watchdog committee, as recommended by Senator Mansfield.

c. The President's Board of Consultants. The Board has been in existence for some time, and although various individuals have had contact with some of the members, your comments regarding their attitude toward the Agency and your estimate of the direction in which their thoughts are leading would be of interest.

d. United States Intelligence Board. The reorganization of USIB and the revision of the NSCID's could be discussed in terms of your responsibilities and the implications of the directives.

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e. Cover Problems. We are all confronted from time to time with the problem of maintaining cover, and your views of the trend [redacted]

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[redacted] would be interesting.

f. Revolt in Iraq. This is a specific situation where we have been criticized in the press for "an intelligence failure." Without going into operational details, it would be helpful to the Staff to hear from you the facts in this case. Similarly, the recent upset in the Sudan and the present turmoil in Argentina would be topics of current interest.

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